

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Reinforcement ply for a tire, formed of reinforcement elements embedded in coating products, wherein it comprises a first and a second layer of ~~metallic elements~~ elastic steel cables arranged parallel to one another, embedded in respective first and second coatings and, between the two layers, a third layer of elements made from a textile material and embedded in a coating, the textile elements being orientated relative to the ~~metallic elements~~ elastic steel cables of the said first and second layers at an angle between 70° and 110°, wherein the third layer is disposed radially between the first and second layers; the ~~first and second layers being of equal width, and the third layer being of no less width than the first and second layers;~~ each of the ~~metallic elements~~ elastic steel cables of the first layer lying in a radial plane and always disposed radially outwardly of the third layer in its respective radial plane; and each of the ~~metallic elements~~ elastic steel cables of the second layer lying in a radial plane and always disposed radially inwardly of the third layer in its respective radial plane.

2. (Original) Reinforcement ply according to Claim 1 wherein the textile material is aromatic polyamide.

3. (Original) Ply according to Claim 1, wherein the textile elements are monofilaments.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) Ply according to Claim [[4]] 1, wherein the coatings of the three layers have identical constitution.

6. (Currently Amended) Ply according to Claim [[4]] 1, wherein the coatings of the first and second layers have identical constitution while the coating of the third layer has a different constitution.

7. (Withdrawn) Tire with a radial carcass reinforcement surmounted radially by a crown reinforcement comprising at least one so-termed protection ply, wherein the said ply is a play according to Claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) Ply according to Claim 1 wherein the third coating directly contacts the respective ~~metallic elements~~ elastic steel cables of the first and second layers.

9. (Previously Presented) Ply according to Claim 1 wherein there is only one layer of textile elements in the third layer.